

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1-32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) A control server for controlling a first apparatus and a second apparatus, both of the first apparatus and the second apparatus providing output of the same type, said control server comprising:

a communication unit configured to receive, from the first apparatus, a notification signal indicating a state of an output of the first apparatus when the output of the first apparatus changes; and

an operating unit configured to

(i) determine, upon the communication unit receiving the notification signal from the first apparatus, whether or not to change an output of the second apparatus, according to a distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus, and

(ii) change the output of the second apparatus according to the state of the output of the first apparatus indicated by the notification signal, when said operating unit determines to change the output of the second apparatus.

34. (Previously Presented) The control server according to claim 33, wherein said operating unit determines to change the output of the second apparatus when the distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus is less than a predetermined value.

35. (Previously Presented) The control server according to claim 33, wherein

the notification signal includes information indicating a change of a sound level of the first apparatus, or information indicating a state of power of the first apparatus, and

said control server decreases the sound level of the second apparatus or turns off the second apparatus when the sound level of the first apparatus increases or the first apparatus turns on.

36. (Previously Presented) The control server according to claim 34, wherein the notification signal includes information indicating a change of a sound level of the first apparatus, or information indicating a state of power of the first apparatus, and said control server decreases the sound level of the second apparatus or turns off the second apparatus when the sound level of the first apparatus increases or the first apparatus turns on.

37. (Previously Presented) The control server according to claim 33, wherein the notification signal includes information indicating a change of a sound level of the first apparatus, or information indicating a state of power of the first apparatus, and said control server increases the sound level of the second apparatus or turns on the second apparatus when the sound level of the first apparatus decreases or the first apparatus turns off.

38. (Previously Presented) The control server according to claim 34, wherein the notification signal includes information indicating a change of a sound level of the first apparatus, or information indicating a state of power of the first apparatus, and

said control server increases the sound level of the second apparatus or turns on the second apparatus when the sound level of the first apparatus decreases or the first apparatus turns off.